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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Hardeman County has worked for a number of years to develop a comprehensive approach to community development that "connects the dots" across our county. We have worked to create a powerful sustainable economic engine with an overarching principle of "Rural Stewardship" to create an incentive-based regional growth strategy that preserves and enhances the best aspects of the county.

It is critical that we address important issues in areas that are experiencing rapid growth, or are located in the direct path of such growth in the near future, such as Hardeman County. A map from American Farmland Trust shows that our county is on the edge of the rapid development occurring in Fayette County, one of three major paths of development radiating out from Memphis.

Because of this expected growth, and our commitment to well-planned rural stewardship, we are supportive of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. The combined resources of these two companies will positively impact our community and help our economy grow. We are in need of technologies like mobile broadband to help our businesses create jobs, and attract new businesses and families to move here.

The positives are tremendous, and we strongly encourage your support of this merger when it comes before the FCC.

Sincerely,

Willie Spencer
Hardeman County Mayor

CC:

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn